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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Rees F. Warring, senior pastor, Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton, PA, offered the following prayer:

God of all people and nations, You who created and are still creating, may we be willing partners of Your creation. Help us to be merciful and just, compassionate and caring, that this will be a more merciful and just, compassionate and caring world. We pray that the quality of all life will be better because of the way we live and work. Enable each of us to be an instrument of Your peace, working to eliminate all that separates peoples and nations from You and from each other. Free us from all bigotry and prejudice, from pride of place and status, from the lack of vision and the loss of faith. Inspire us, this and every day, to be so concerned about Your way and truth, that Your will may eventually be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCDADE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND REES F. WARRING

(Mr. MCDADE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, let me begin by saying how nice it is to see so many familiar faces in the Chamber this morning. We are delighted that so many of our colleagues are here, and of course we all welcome you back to this magnificent House.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to welcome to this Chamber the Reverend Rees F. Warring, and I want to thank him for his beautiful opening prayer. Reverend Warring is the pastor of the Elm Park Methodist Church in the city of Scranton and has served several churches in northeastern Pennsylvania for over 30 years.

In every congressional district of this Nation—and no one knows this better than the people assembled here today—there are extraordinary people who exemplify the positive forces for good and selflessly serve their fellow man. Reverend Warring and his wife, Jean, who is with us today, are such individuals. They have tirelessly devoted their time and energy helping the less fortunate people in their community and providing spiritual solace to their congregation. Because of their good works, northeastern Pennsylvania and the Nation is a better place in which to live.

They have also raised four wonderful children, one of whom, also with us today, is their son, John, who serves as an important member of my Washington staff.

In addition to his spiritual efforts at Elm Park, Reverend Warring has been active in leading the restoration effort in Scranton to preserve the area's many historic church buildings. Elm Park serves as both an architectural landmark in downtown Scranton and as a community center for religious

and civic activity. I am grateful that Reverend Warring could lead us in prayer today. He is a man who has enriched countless lives through his spiritual and community leadership.

And, my friends, on a personal note, I would like to extend on behalf of all of us a most happy 58th birthday today to Reverend Warring.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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### RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER of the House presided. The SPEAKER. On behalf of the Chair and this Chamber, I consider it a high honor and a distinct personal privilege to have the opportunity of welcoming so many of our former Members and colleagues as may be present here for this occasion. I think all of us want to pause and welcome each of them.

Let me also say, if I might, that if the House will indulge me to speak from the chair for a minute, that I am particularly delighted today to be here to recognize the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Michel, for the amount that this House owes the gentleman from Illinois for his years of service, for his sense of commitment to the representative process, to his passion for freedom, and his willingness to serve his country under a wide range of circumstances. I would say that I believe all Members of the Chamber would join me in recognizing that the gentleman from Illinois always placed

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